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Eric Reis consults on novel and unusually complex trust, estate, and family office matters.

Eric is a full-time law professor at UNT Dallas College of Law, where he teaches Wills, Trusts, and Estates, Family Law, and Tax courses. He is also a past chair of the Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law section of the State Bar of Texas and a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law,

  with honors; *Texas Law Review* Associate Editor; Legal Research Board Chairman; Order of the Coif

- A.B., Harvard University, cum laude

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Publications

- *Building Grantor Trusts Back Better*, 60 Tulsa L. Rev. 275 (2025)
- *Guaranteed Wealth? A New Way of Thinking About the Gift Tax Treatment of Loan Guarantees*, 27 Fla. Tax Rev. 304 (2023)
- *Transfer of Proceedings in Statutory Probate Courts*, The Advocate, December 2007, at 20

- *Mr. Soros Goes to Washington: The Case for Reform of the Estate and Gift Tax Treatment of Political Contributions*, 41 Real Prop., Prob. & Tr. J. 299 (2007)
- *The Funding Dilemma*, Trusts & Estates, May 2005, at 32
- *New Opportunities, New Limitations in Planning with Charitable Remainder Trusts*, Probate & Property, May/June 2000, at 41

Speaking Engagements

- *I (Don't) Guarantee It: Potential Problems with the Use of Personal Guarantees to Back Loans to Family Trusts*, Houston Business and Estate Planning Council, Houston, Texas, October 16, 2025
- *Basic Principles and Strategies in Estate Planning*, 59th Annual Program: Short Course on Estate Planning, The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas, June 24, 2025
- *Guaranteed Wealth: A New Way of Thinking About the Gift Tax Treatment of Guarantees*, Fiduciary Income Tax Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, 2025 Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California, March 22, 2025
- *I (Don't) Guarantee It: Potential Problems with the Use of Personal Guarantees to Back Loans to Family Trusts*, Estate Planning Council of North Texas, Plano, Texas, February 19, 2025
- *Guaranteed Wealth: A New Way of Thinking About the Gift Tax Treatment of Guarantees*, Legal Education Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, 2024 Fall Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 2024
- *I (Don't) Guarantee It: Potential Problems with the Use of Personal Guarantees to Back Loans to Family Trusts*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, Houston, Texas, June 13, 2024
- *A Quick Trust Tax Tutorial*, 20th Annual Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trusts, The University of Texas School of Law Continuing Legal Education, Austin, Texas, February 16, 2024
- *Basic Principles and Strategies in Estate Planning*, 58th Annual Program: Short Course on Estate Planning, The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas, January 25, 2023
- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, San Antonio Estate Planners Council, San Antonio, Texas, May 17, 2022
- *Guaranteed Wealth: A New Way of Thinking About the Gift Tax Treatment of Guarantees*, Oklahoma City University School of Law Regional Junior Faculty Colloquium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 26, 2022
- *Hold on to Your Land*, Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers Community Based Organization, Dallas, Texas, January 13, 2022
- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, Texas Society of CPAs Summit 2021, San Antonio, Texas, November 8, 2021
- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, Texas Bankers Association, October 12, 2021
- *A Guide to Executing Estate Planning Documents in Uncertain Times*, Collin County Bar Association Probate Section, May 8, 2020
- *Modifying Irrevocable Trusts*, Dallas Estate Planning Council, Dallas, Texas, February 6, 2020
- *Cutting Edge Planning Ideas, Including Ideas to Avoid the Estate Tax for Those Who Will Surely Pay* (panel with David Handler, Lester Law, and Steve Akers), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning Strategies Course, San Diego, California, April 26, 2019
- *Irrevocable or Not? Modifications to Trusts*, North Texas Estate Planning Council, September 20, 2017
- *Trust Accounting Issues*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 9, 2017
- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, North Texas Estate Planning Council, Plano, Texas, September 16, 2015
- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, Collin County Bar Association Probate Section, Allen, Texas, September 10, 2010

- *Planning for Individuals with Diminished Life Expectancy*, Estate Planning and Probate Section of the Austin Bar Association, February 19, 2010
- *Irrevocable or Not? Modifications to Trusts*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2009
- *Estate Planning for Political Contributions*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2008
- *Gifting Assets without Tax Consequences*, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2008
- *The Low Down on From High: Current Developments in Exempt Organizations Law*, State Bar of Texas Governance of Nonprofit Course, August 2007
- *Blended Family Issues in a Wills and Probate Practice*, University of Houston Law Center Continuing Legal Education Program, July 2005
- *Blended Family Issues in a Wills and Probate Practice*, Estate Planning Section of the Collin County Bar Association, July 2004
- *Blended Family Issues in a Wills and Probate Practice*, University of Houston Law Center Continuing Legal Education Program, May 2004
- *Will Drafting and Multiple Marriage Issues*, University of Houston Law Center Continuing Legal Education Program, June 2001
- *Will Drafting and Multiple Marriage Issues*, University of Houston Law Center Continuing Legal Education Program, May 2001
- *Raising Money Legally: Selected Issues in Fund Raising*, The Center for Nonprofit Management Presentation, June 2000
- *Creative Uses for Roth IRAs*, Lone Star Planners Conference, November 2000
- *Administration Expenses and the Marital Deduction*, Brazos Valley Estate and Financial Planning Council Presentation, October 1999

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Legal Education Committee, 2025; Fellow, 2010-Present
- Southern Methodist University (SMU) Dedman School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2020-2021
- Texas A&M University School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2019-2021
- State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section, Chair, 2019-2020; previously Secretary, Treasurer and Council member, and Chair of the section's Decedents' Estates Committee

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Trusts and Estates, 2010-2026; Dallas Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year, 2018
- *Texas Super Lawyers* magazine, 2003-2004, 2012-2023, 2025
- Board Certified in Estate Planning & Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2001-2026
- Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2002-2027
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated, 2010-2025